THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 11th December 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.--QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" A large number of questions are placed before the House. I will therefore allow one or two supplementaries on each question and then pass on to the next question."

Recruitment of Backward Class Christians to Public Services.

* 387 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri M. Rajeswara Rao, is not in his place, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the nature of Christians classified as Backward Classes for the purposes of 25 per cent reservation as per the latest Government Order regarding recruitment to Public Services?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Persons belonging to the Statutory Scheduled Castes who are converted to Christianity will be deemed to belong to the Backward Classes for purposes of Reservation of appointments in the public services. This will not apply to those who are born in Christianity whatever their ancestry may be."

Construction of sand vents in the channel to Maradi tank at Uppiliapuram village.

* 388 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the ryots of Maradi village, Tiruchirappalli district, deposited Rs. 400 into Turaiyur Sub-Treasury on 8th January 1943, on the request of the Government as their contribution towards the cost of construction of some sand vents, etc., in the channel taking water to Maradi tank, at S. No. 120 of Uppiliapuram village;

(b) why the proposed construction is delayed all these years;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the proposed construction: and

(d) how long it will take for the Government to commence and finish the same?